

REMARKS

Claims 34, 36, 50, 53, 73, 74, and 76 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended claims 33, 35, 52, and 75 to recite that polymerases are thermostable. Those amendments are made to claim certain specific embodiments. Those amendments are supported by the present specification, e.g., at page 6. Also, canceled claims 34, 36, 53, and 76 recited "wherein said first and second DNA polymerases are thermostable" and depended from claims 33, 35, 52, and 75, respectively. Claims 37, 39, 40, 43, 45, 54 to 56, 77, 79, and 80 have been amended so that they do not depend from canceled claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims and the amended claims prior to the amendments in a continuation application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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